C. Nuclear Projects under Execution (As on 15.08.07) :

SL No.	Name of Scheme/ Executing Agency	Sector	i.e. (No. x MW)= Capacity	Capacity Under Exec. (MW)	Likely Commng.
	Rajasthan				
I.	Rajasthan Atomic Power Project NPCL Tamil Nadu	Central	2x220 = 440 MW	440	U#5-2007 U#6 -2008
2.	Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project/ NPCL	Central	2x 1000 = 2000 MW	2000	U#l - 2008 U#2 - 2009
3.	Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR)/NPCL *Karnataka*	Central	1x500 = 500 MW	500	2011
4.	Kaiga Atomic Power Project/NPCL	Central	2x220 = 440 MW	220	U# 4 - 2008

* for both units

Tala transmission system

845. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tala Transmission System a joint venture between the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited and Power Links Transmission Limited, the first Public-Private Partnership in Power Sector, was recently inaugurated by Prime Minister in North East;

(b) if so, the details of enhanced National Grid capacity with improved security, stability and reliability;

(c) the likely cost of this first capacity link; and

(d) the time-frame with in which this economic exchange of power would lead to recovery of the entire cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The Prime Minister of India dedicated the "East-North Tala Transmission System" to the Nation on 20.06.2007.

(b) With the commissioning of the above transmission system, the capacity of the National Grid (inter-regional power transfer capacity) has been enhanced by 2000 MW. The present aggregate capacity is 14600 MW.

(c) The cost of the project is approximately Rs.2800 crore.

(d) As decided by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), the transmission tariff for the project is recovered from beneficiaries on a monthly fixed cost basis. Based on the same, the average time frame of recovery of the entire cost of the project is about 35 years.

Rural electrification in Bihar

†846. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress and latest status of implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in Bihar; and

(b) the time-frame to cover the unelectrified villages of Bihar under RGGVY and the number of such villages?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) Rural Electrification works have been completed in 11,401 un-electrified villages and 29,959 rural households including 22,115 Below Poverty Line (BPL) households have been given electricity connections in Bihar uptill 10.08.2007.

(b) RGGVY envisages electrification of all the un-electrified villages reported by Bihar through its Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted under RGGVY *i.e.* 24,703 un-electrified villages by 2009.

Bids by PSUs for gas prices

847. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the PSUs under his Ministry had participated in the bids invited by a private contractor, engaged in natural gas exploration to determine the sale price of gas;

(b) if so, the names of the companies and the rate quoted by each of them;

(c) whether the Ministry had taken up the issue of determining the sale price of natural gas in a realistic manner with other concerned Ministries; and

(d) if so, the response of those Ministries in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) The Government has constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) to examine and consider the issues of gas pricing and commercial utilization of gas under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.